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ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of the Organisation shall be the 'Indian Youth Congress'.

ARTICLE II

OBJECTS

The object of the Youth Congress shall be to organise the youth of India, to train them in the duties and rights of citizenship, to enable them to make a positive and constructive contribution towards the realisation of the ideal of a secular democratic State, to the lofty principles taught by Mahatma Gandhi and to the establishment through peaceful means of a classless, democratic and socialist society based on equality of opportunity and of political, economic and social rights, as envisaged by the Indian National Congress.

The Youth Congress shall, therefore, endeavour :

- (a) to promote opportunities for the development of character, discipline, efficiency, knowledge and the spirit of service among its members and young people in general ;
- (b) to organise study circles, study classes, debates, study camps and research centres in order to promote understanding of culture, history and social, economic and political problems of our country ;
- (c) to impart training in the conduct of public work in close association with the Indian National Congress and the organisations formed by, associated with or recognised by the Congress ;

- (d) to promote opportunities for the youth to organise sports, physical culture clubs and other cultural and recreational activities ;
- (e) to assist the Indian National Congress to combat communalism and social and caste orthodoxy and to carry on constructive and social work ; and
- (f) to organise work squads and touring parties to tour the rural and urban areas of the country and to encourage youth to cooperate with farm and factory labour and to take up such all other activities that are relevant and incidental to the objects of the Youth Congress.

ARTICLE III

DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this Constitution the following terms shall mean :

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| <i>Youth Congress</i> | Unless otherwise stated the words 'Youth Congress' shall mean the Indian Youth Congress. |
| <i>The President :</i> | The President of the Indian Youth Congress who shall also be the President of the National Council. |
| <i>The Secretary or Secretaries :</i> | Secretary or Secretaries of the Indian Youth Congress, who shall also be Secretary or Secretaries of the Youth Department of the AICC. |
| <i>The Treasurer :</i> | The Treasurer of the Indian Youth Congress. |
| <i>National Council :</i> | The National Council of the Youth Congress. |
| <i>Funds :</i> | Funds of the Youth Congress. |

- The Congress President :* The President of the Indian National Congress.
- General Secretary-incharge of Youth Department :* General Secretary of the A. I. C. C., incharge of the Youth Department.
- Executive Committee :* Executive Committee of the Pradesh, District or Mandal Committee as the case may be.

ARTICLE IV

CONSTITUENTS

The Indian Youth Congress will include :

- (i) The National Council of the Youth Congress,
- (ii) Pradesh Youth Congress Committees,
- (iii) District Youth Congress Committees,
- (iv) Mandal Youth Congress Committees, and
- (v) Committees subordinate to the District Youth Congress Committees and above or below the Mandal Youth Congress Committee as determined by the Pradesh Youth Congress Committees.

ARTICLE V

TERRITORIAL DIVISIONS

- (a) Youth Congress Committees shall ordinarily be constituted in the Pradeshes corresponding to the areas of the Congress Committees.
- (b) The National Council shall have the power to give representation in such manner as it deems proper to areas in the territory of India as have not been included in the jurisdiction of any P. Y. C. or to direct that such an area or part thereof be included in a neighbouring Pradesh.

ARTICLE VI

MEMBERSHIP

1. (a) Any person between 16 and 30 years of age who accepts the objects of the Youth Congress and pays the membership fee of annas -/4/- every year can enrol himself or herself as a member of the Youth Congress on filling up the prescribed form (appearing as Appendix to this Constitution), the year of membership being the calendar year, *i.e.*, January—December.
- (b) The Mandal Youth Congress shall keep a register of primary members, and furnish a copy of the list to the District and Pradesh Executives.
- (c) The enrolment of members shall be closed on a date fixed by National Council every year for preparing the register of members who are entitled to vote and contest at the elections of the Youth Congress.
2. (a) A person above the age of 30, who has previously worked in the Youth Congress and/or wishes to take interest in its work, may be enrolled as an Associate Member, provided he pays an annual subscription of Rs. 10/- and signs an appropriate declaration that is described by the National Council. The National Council shall have power to disapprove the enrolment of any person as Associate Member without stating reasons, and, in such case, the subscription collected from the person shall be refunded.
- (b) No Associate Member shall have the right to vote, nor he or she will be eligible to contest any office of the Youth Congress but he or she shall have the right to participate in the deliberations.

ARTICLE VII

TERMS OF YOUTH CONGRESS COMMITTEE

The tenure of office of every Youth Congress Committee and of its office-bearers, executive committee and members shall ordinarily be two years.

ARTICLE VIII

MANDAL YOUTH CONGRESS

1. The Primary unit of the Youth Congress shall be the Mandal Youth Congress with a minimum of 50 members. The Mandal Youth Congress shall enrol members and shall be responsible for promoting the interests of the Youth Congress in its jurisdiction.

2. The Mandal Executive Committee of the Youth Congress shall consist of not more than 11 members elected from among the members of the Youth Congress in the Mandal.

3. The Mandal Executive Committee shall have a Secretary, a Joint Secretary and a Treasurer elected by the Executive Committee from among its members, provided that either the Secretary or Joint Secretary shall be a student.

4. The Mandals shall be the same as those approved by the Pradesh Congress Committee, provided that the Mandals in the territorial area of a residential university in the Pradesh shall be determined by the Pradesh Executive Committee.

5. The general meeting of the primary members of the Youth Congress in the territorial area of a Mandal shall be held annually. The annual report and audited accounts of the Mandal Youth Congress shall be placed before the general meeting.

ARTICLE IX

DISTRICT YOUTH CONGRESS

1. The District Executive Committee shall consist of two representatives from each Mandal and the Secretaries of the Mandal Executive Committees, and one nominee each of the District Congress Committee, the Seva Dal and the Women's Department of the District Congress Committee, provided that one of the two representatives elected by each Mandal to the District Executive Committee shall be a student. The nominees of Seva Dal and Women's Department shall have no right to vote nor shall be eligible to contest any office of the Youth Congress.

2. The District Executive Committee may form Tehsil Committees in the same manner wherever possible. The districts shall be the same as those approved by the Pradesh Congress Committee, provided that the Pradesh Executive Committee of the Youth Congress shall have the right to accord the status of District Executive Committee to the executive committee of the Youth Congress functioning in the territorial area of a residential university in the Pradesh.

3. The District Executive Committee shall have a Secretary and a treasurer elected by the Executive and one or more Joint Secretaries nominated by the Secretary from among its own members. Either the Secretary or one of the Secretaries shall be a student.

4. The district convention of the Youth Congress shall be held annually. It will consist of representatives from every mandal in the territorial area of the district. The Secretary of the Mandal Youth Congress shall be ex-office delegate of the district convention. The annual report and audited account of the District Youth Congress shall be placed in the district convention.

ARTICLE X

PRADESH YOUTH CONGRESS

1. The Pradesh Executive Committee of the Youth Congress shall consist of two representatives of each of the district committees in the Pradesh, and one nominee each of the Pradesh Congress Committee, Pradesh Seva Dal and the Women's Section of the Pradesh Congress Committee. The nominees of Seva Dal and Women's Department shall have no right to vote nor shall be eligible to contest any office of the Pradesh Youth Congress.

2. In Pradeshes where the number of district committee is more than 30, the Pradesh Executive shall consist of one representative from each district, the district being represented by the Secretary of the district committee, ex-officio.

3. Of the two representatives that the district committee elects to the Pradesh Executive Committee, one shall be the Secretary of the District Committee who, ex-officio, shall have the right to represent the District Committee on the Executive and the other shall be a student, if the Secretary of the District Committee is a non-student.

4. The Pradeshes shall be the same as those mentioned in the Constitution of the Indian National Congress and the Pradesh Youth Congress shall work under the general guidance of the Pradesh Congress Committee.

5. The Pradesh Executive shall be responsible for the work of the Youth Congress in its jurisdiction.

6. The Pradesh Executive shall have a General Secretary, a Treasurer and two Joint Secretaries nominated by the General Secretary. Either the General Secretary or one of the two Joint Secretaries shall be a student.

7. In Pradeshes where the number of District Committees is more than 30, the retiring General Secretary of the Pradesh Youth Congress shall continue to be an ex-officio member of

the Pradesh Executive Committee as long as he is a member of the Youth Congress.

8. The Pradesh Executive Committee may appoint an Advisory Committee consisting of about nine or eleven members including members of the teaching profession.

9. The Pradesh Executive Committee and all subordinate committees shall have the right to co-opt provided that the number of members co-opted in exercise of this right does not exceed 1/6th of the elected members of the committee.

10. The Executive Committee of the Pradesh Youth Congress shall have power to take disciplinary action against any member except National Council members and any subordinate committee provided that previous concurrence of the National Council shall be required for taking any action against a committee. It shall be open to any member or committee to appeal to National Council against such action.

11. The Pradesh Convention of the PYC shall be held annually and shall consist of Secretaries of MYCs in the Pradesh, Secretaries of DYCs and one delegate elected by the DYC for the National Convention shall be ex-officio delegate to the Pradesh Convention. The annual report and audited accounts shall be placed before the Pradesh Convention.

ARTICLE XI

ELECTION OF PRADESH COMMITTEE AND ITS SUBORDINATE COMMITTEES

1. (a) The election of the office-bearers of the Youth Congress committees at all levels shall be conducted according to the schedule fixed by the National Council.
- (b) Only primary members of the Youth Congress who are primary members of the Indian National Council shall be eligible for elections to any

office of the Pradesh Youth Congress and its subordinate committees provided that many persons who contest for the office of the Secretary of the District Youth Congress or Pradesh Youth Congress shall be active members of the Indian National Congress, and no office-bearer of the Congress Committee shall hold any office of the Youth Congress Committee.

2. (a) The Pradesh Executive Committee shall appoint an election committee consisting of not more than 7 members to conduct the elections to be held in the Pradesh in accordance with the clauses of the Constitution of the Youth Congress. No person who is contesting for any elective office in the Youth Congress shall be appointed on election committee ; primary members of the Indian National Congress who are not members of the Youth Congress shall also be eligible for appointment to the election committee.
- (b) The Pradesh Election Committee shall appoint returning officers to conduct election for the Pradesh Committee and its subordinate committees.
- (c) In the event of a PYC failing to constitute the election committee or appointing returning officers as provided in the Constitution and according to schedule laid down by the National Council, the National Council shall have the power to appoint such officers directly.
- (d) The Pradesh Election Committee shall have the right to entertain and dispose of any complaints that may be received in respect of the elections conducted in the Pradesh.

ARTICLE XII

APPROVAL OF THE PRADESH CONSTITUTION

The Constitution of the Pradesh Youth Congresses shall require previous approval by the National Council and no

alteration or amendments shall be effected in the approved constitution without previous concurrence of the National Council.

ARTICLE XIII

NATIONAL COUNCIL

1. There shall be a National Council of the Youth Congress which shall consist of :

- (a) The President of the Indian Youth Congress.
 - (b) The retiring President of the Youth Congress.
 - (c) The elected General Secretaries of the Pradesh Youth Congresses.
 - (d) Secretary or Secretaries of the Indian Youth Congress.
 - (e) The Treasurer.
 - (f) Chairman of the Central Advisory Committee of the Youth Congress.
 - (g) AICC General Secretary incharge of the Youth Department of the Congress.
 - (h) Members not exceeding $\frac{1}{8}$ th of the elected members of the National Council co-opted from Associate Members.
2. (a) Subject to general guidance and discipline of the AICC, the National Council will function as the Central Coordinating Committee of the Youth Congress for the formation of the broad policy and the programme of the Youth Congress and suggesting ways and means for their implementation.
- (b) The National Council shall ordinarily meet once in 3 months.
 - (c) The National Council shall act as the Steering Committee of the National Council.

3. President

- (a) A person shall be elected by the National Council to act as the President of the Indian Youth Congress in a special session of the National Council held in this behalf.
- (b) The President shall preside over, conduct and regulate the meetings of the National Convention, the Delegates' Session and the meetings of the National Council held after his election and during his term of National Council when the National Council is not in session.

4. Secretaries

- (a) The President of the Indian Youth Congress shall nominate one or more Secretaries of the Youth Congress.
- (b) The Secretaries shall be deemed to be the ex-officio members of the National Council.
- (c) Subject to the general control of the President, the Secretaries shall be incharge of the Youth Department of the AICC functioning as the Central Office of the Youth Congress.
- (d) The term of Secretaries shall be co-terminus with the President.

5. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be appointed by the National Council and shall be incharge of the funds of the Youth Congress and shall keep proper accounts of all investments, income and expenditure.

ARTICLE XIV ALL INDIA CONVENTION

1. The All India Convention of the Indian Youth Congress shall ordinarily be held at the end of two years at a time and place decided upon by the National Council.

2. The Delegates' Sessions may, however, be held in the successive year of the National Convention.
3. The Executive Committee of every District Youth Congress shall elect one delegate to the National Convention.
4. The Secretary of the District Youth Congress shall be deemed to be the delegate in addition to Clause XIV (3).
5. The Convention shall consist of :
 - (a) The President elected in accordance with Article XIII (3).
 - (b) All members of the National Council.
 - (c) Delegates in accordance with XIV (3) and (4).
6. Every delegate shall be required to pay Rs. 5/- as delegate's fee at the time of National Convention and shall be liable to be declared ineligible for participation in the Convention on failure to remit such payment at the time of Registration in the Convention.
7. The Business of the National Convention shall include :
 - (a) Resolution prepared by the National Council ;
 - (b) Non-official resolution duly proposed and seconded by elected delegates received at the Central Office of the Youth Congress one month in advance.
 - (c) No resolution or amendment of the Constitution shall be allowed to be moved unless it is previously considered and is received at the Central Office one month in advance.

ARTICLE XV

The National Council shall have power :

- (a) to superintend, direct and control all Pradesh Youth Congress and their Subordinate Committees as well as Reception Committee of the All India Convention.

- (b) to take disciplinary action, as it may deem fit, against any committee or individual members of Youth Congress.
- (c) to frame rules for the proper working of the organisation.
- (d) to issue instructions not inconsistent with the Constitution and the rules in all matters not otherwise provided for.
- (e) on failure of any committee to function in terms of the Constitution or in accordance with the directions of the Youth Department of the AICC functioning as the Central Office of the Youth Congress the latter may suspend the existing Youth Congress, or any committee subordinate to it and form an *ad-hoc* committee to carry on the work of the Youth Congress in that area.

ARTICLE XVI

MISCELLANEOUS

1. The quorum for the meeting of all committees of the Indian Youth Congress shall be five or 1/4th of the number of members of the committee, whichever is more.

2. Any question or dispute arising under the Constitution with regard to its provisions, contents, interpretation or the procedure laid down therein, between any member, and any committee or between committees inter se, shall be determined by the National Council. The decisions of the National Council shall be final and binding on all the members and committees of the Indian Youth Congress, and shall not be liable to question by any of them in a court of law.

3. The rulings of the President of the Youth Congress on all points of orders, and decision as to the results of voting shall be final and conclusive and shall not be liable to question

by any of the members of the Youth Congress to a court of law. Where there is a question of the value of fractions, a fraction of one-half or more shall be treated as one and less than half as zero.

4. A motion of no-confidence against any office-bearer of any committee of the Youth Congress can be moved provided it is sent to the office concerned one month before and the persons concerned is given an opportunity to present his defence. A previous concurrence of the Central Office of the Youth Congress will be required in case of such a motion against a Pradesh office-bearer and in case of a District or Mandal office-bearer of the Pradesh office. The Central Office of the Youth Congress may, however, investigate complaints received in such matters and take appropriate action for the disposal of such complaints.

5. A motion of vote of no-confidence will not be moved within the first six months of the taking of the office.

ARTICLE XVII

AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

The Constitution can be amended, altered or/added to only by the National Council by $\frac{2}{3}$ members present and voting.



Youth Congress

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Under Article VI of the Constitution

I wish to be enrolled as a member of the Youth Congress. I accept Article II of the Youth Congress Constitution which is as follows :

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I am not a member of any other political Party, communal or other, which has a separate membership, constitution and programme. I herewith deposit 25 paise as membership subscription.

Name

Father's name

Permanent place of residence

or

Place of work

Permanent address

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Present address

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Age

Occupation

Date

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Signature of applicant

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Signature of Enroller

Date of enrolment

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*Note by the Secretary of the Mandal/District
Youth Congress Committee*

The above application of Shri.....
has been received in this office with 25 paise as member-
ship fee, which has been deposited by this enroller, Shri.....
.....The serial number of the Mandal/District Youth
Congress Committee Register is.....

Signature of the Secretary,
Mandal/District Youth Congress Committee

Date.....

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